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1. DOT DOES NOT CONSIDER BARINOV'S SUGGESTION CONTAINED
REFTEL VERY FORTHCOMING AS DOUBLING UP OF U. S. DELEGATES
INVOLVES NO EFFORT ON SOVIET SIDE TO AMELIORATE THE COST
OF LODGING SITUATION. DOT INTERESTED IN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION
BY SOVIET SIDE TO RECIPROCATE ITS EFFORTS IN GETTING HOTEL
DISCOUNTS FOR SOVDELS. ONE CAUSE OF PRESENT SITUATION IS
INTOURIST'S PRACTICE OF PLACING WHEREVER POSSIBLE TWO SMALL
BEDS IN A SINGLE ROOM AND CHARGING DOUBLE RATE FOR SINGLE
OCCUPANCY. SOVIETS COULD EITHER INSIST THAT, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH GENERAL HOTEL PRACTICE, INTOURIST CHARGE A DIFFERENT
LOWER RATE FOR SINGLE OCCUPANCY OR SECURE SINGLE ROOM
ACCOMMODATIONS WHICH ARE, OF COURSE PREFERRED BY U. S.
TRAVELLERS. REQUEST EMBASSY RELAY FOREGOING TO BARINOV
AS PRELIMINARY DOT SUGGESTION ON THIS ISSUE. KISSINGER
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